

Washington, DC –Congresswoman Linda Sánchez is pleased to announce her annual Congressional Arts Competition, also known as “*An Artistic Discovery*,” for high school students.

“There are some extremely talented and creative students in our district,” said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez

. “I look forward to this competition every year so that I can see the artistic gifts of our students. The competition is a great way to recognize the creativity of our students, and it brings needed attention to the importance of art in education.”

The theme for the art competition is *Colors of California*. Students are encouraged to create images highlighting California’s natural and urban landscape. A panel of local art experts will review all entries and select category winners. Artists may create a piece specifically for the competition or submit a previously created work. The overall winner and one adult from their family will be flown for free to Washington, DC for a reception and ceremony with overall winners from around the nation. The winning artwork will be on display in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

Congresswoman Sánchez will host a Congressional Arts Competition reception in the district on May 14, 2011. Student artists who submitted an entry will have their art on display to be viewed and recognized by the public. Category winners and overall winner will be announced and recognized for their achievements at this reception.

Submissions must be from the 39th Congressional District of California to participate. Students from other congressional districts are strongly encouraged to contact their individual Member of Congress for information on his or her art competition. To locate a Member of Congress, please visit

www.house.gov/asanchez

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or contact their High School Art Department for more information.

The deadline to submit artwork to

Congresswoman Sánchez’s district office in Cerritos is Friday, April 8, 2011 by 5:00pm PT.

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